

Forum Basics

To participate in forum discussion, you have to be registered and logged in on the <http://fcghsociety.org> website. If you have not yet registered, go to the website and click the **Register** link in the sidebar. If you are already registered, then log in with the user name and password you established when you registered. If you have forgotten your user name and/or password, then send an [email](#) to the webmaster and include your name. Your user name and new password will be emailed back to you.

Once you are successfully registered and logged in, the FCGHS Discussion Forum link on the menu bar will take you to the forum area.



Link to the Discussion Forum

Groups – are a way of organizing and structuring the overall forum into categories. Currently there is a group for 1) 175th Birthday Celebration, 2) 2012 Book, 3) MIRROR, and 4) Genealogy. Additional groups can be added by the administrator as needed.

Forums – are the principle place where users will create topics. There is currently one forum in each of the groups listed above. More forums can be added by the administrator, as needed.

Topics – are created within a **Forum** by users to begin the thread of a discussion

Replies – are the continuation of the discussion thread in a **Topic** within a **Forum**

← Bread Crumbs – Show where you are with respect to the site's Home page. In this example, the **Group** is *175th Birthday Celebration*, the **Forum** is *FCGH&S 175th Birthday Celebration Plans*, and the **Topic** is *Music Day*.

These "bread crumbs" are links that can be clicked to retrace the steps that got you where you are in the discussion forum.

← Below the Bread Crumbs is the thread of the Music Day **Topic**. There is the statement by the **Topic** creator, "The society is making tentative plans...", and one **Reply**, "Look forward to hearing..."

The **Add Topic** and **Post Reply** buttons allow the user to create a new topic for discussion, or reply to the topic currently displayed.